[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

(*a*) a brief description of all motor and steam ploughs or other agricultural appliances and live-stock purchased for the Department of Agriculture during the last 14 years up to the end of 1099 ;

(*b*) the date of purchasing each ;

(*c*) the purpose of each purchase ;

(*d*) the initial cost of each ;

(*e*) the cost of upkeep of each up to the end of 1099, including pay of keeper or driver, expenses for working, repairs, fodder, treatment, etc ;

(*f*) the money realised from each up to the end of 1099 by the work done by each or by sale or otherwise ;

(*g*) the net gain or loss to Government on each; and

(*h*) whether each of the implements, live-stock, etc., still remains with the department or has been disposed of ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A statement† containing the information asked for by the Member, regarding agricultural appliances purchased for the Agricultural Department during the years 1085 to 1099, is laid on the table.

In regard to live-stock, Government regret it is not possible to prepare, from the records maintained, a statement in the form required by the Member.

Loss of Salt due to the recent floods.

182. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many maunds of salt stored in the Tamaracolam Salt Factory were damaged during the rains of Tulam 1101 ;

(*b*) who were the losers, what were the respective quantities lost, and what was the amount of *kudivaram* due upon such quantities ; and

(*c*) the amount due to the Government from that quantity ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 2,15,364 maunds.

(*b*) The licensees of the following factories lost salt in Tulam 1101. The quantities lost are stated to be—

Avadhanial's Factory	...	43,688 maunds.
Cape Comorin General Traffic Company's Factory	...	59,260 ,,
Puttallom	...	17,818 ,,
Sri Mula Gopalanathan Allom	...	56,838 ,,
Sri Mula Krishnamani Allom	...	37,760 ,,

No *kudivaram* is due to the licensees on the above salt as the salt was not taken delivery of by the Government.

(*c*) Since the Government did not take delivery of the salt lost, no amount is due to them in respect of the same.

† *Vide* Appendix VIII—pages 629 and 630.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): I did not get the agenda paper sufficiently early.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid we cannot help it.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): I think, under the rules, I am entitled to get it in advance.

PRESIDENT: I am not prepared to discuss the matter.

Loss of Salt in Tulam 1101.

183. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether there was any loss of salt in the various salt factories during the rains in Tulam 1101; and

(2) if so, what is the total quantity of salt lost?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answer given to part (*a*) of Question No. 182 by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

Loss of Salt in the Floods of 1101.

184. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastiswaram*): With reference to the floods of Tulam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the quantity of salt destroyed in each salt factory in South Travancore;

(2) the total loss sustained by the Government on account of such destruction of salt; and

(3) the approximate loss sustained by the licensees in each factory on account of (*a*) loss of salt and (*b*) other flood damages to the factories?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answers given to parts (*a*) and (*c*) of Question No. 182 by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

(3) The licensees are reported to have suffered a loss of Rs. 58,787 on account of salt destroyed and Rs. 18,100 on account of other damages.

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